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SUBJECT: MEA PAPER ON EXBS

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1. In response to the DCM's discussion with Joint Secretary for the Americas S. Jaishankar on February 14, the Ministry of External Affairs' Disarmament and International Security Affairs Division provided Embassy with a non-paper on EXBS on Wednesday, February 16. Following is the text of the non-paper:

(Begin non-paper)

India attaches importance to its export control cooperation with the US, which is our leading partner on the subject. We see this programme of cooperation as part of the larger purpose of strengthening our national controls which would enhance the overall environment for fostering and facilitating high technology trade with the US and for forward movement on the Next Steps in Strategic Partnership.

Last year, five exchanges were held as part of the programme of cooperation on export controls. Workshops were held on nuclear export controls (March 2004), enforcement (March 2004), legal area (April 2004), automated licensing (September 2004), and train the trainers on customs enforcement (December 2004). Four of these workshops were hosted by GOI.

A further set of exchanges were agreed to following exchange of proposals and counter-proposals in September 2004. Subsequently, India hosted the Automated Licensing Workshop on September 28-30, 2004 and the 'Train the Trainers' module on December 13-17, 2004, and agreed to host the Risk Management and Targeting Workshop. Scheduling the workshop in February/March, 2005 has been difficult, especially in view of the fact that participation from Customs field formations had been requested by the US side.

GOI wishes to convey its convenience to host the Risk Management and Targeting Workshop during 4-15 April 2005 or 9-20 May 2005. USG may also like to convey the dates for the visit of GOI officials to the US for a seminar on export controls scheduled for spring.

GOI appreciates the favourable response received from the US side on holding Industry-to-Industry contacts facilitated by the two Governments on export controls in certain specific sectors to begin with. An early finalization of further details would be appreciated.

(End non-paper)

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